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Summary Information

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| Repository | Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Creator | Dixon, James Harmon (James H.), 1844-1933 |
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Biographical Note

James Harmon Dixon was born around 1844 to Williamson W. (1815-1886) and Nancy (Osborn) (1816-1895) Dixon. The Dixon family lived in Paris, Washington Township, Jennings County, Indiana where Williamson farmed. James H. Dixon had eight siblings: Alcy Elizabeth (1838-), Athena I. (1840-1917), Martha E. T. (1842-), Emmy (1846-1847), William Weir (1848-1926), Luema (1851-1938), Williamson "Dick" Osborn (1853-1935), and John Truman (1858-1937).

He served with Company B and Company M, 7th Indiana Cavalry during the U.S. Civil War. After the war, Dixon returned to Montgomery Township in Jennings County and was working as deputy sheriff in 1870. He worked as a farmer and was appointed to the position of U.S. postmaster for Paris, Indiana on April 12, 1889, following in his father's footsteps, and on May 27, 1897.

He married Sarah L. McGlasson (b. March 11, 1847) in 1874 and they had __ children: Joseph and Fred Williamson. Sarah Dixon died on October 20, 1906. Dixon then married a local widow, Eva (Conway) Froman (1872-1966). Dixon died in 1933 and was buried in Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes one copy of a letter from James H. Dixon of Montgomery Township, Jennings County, Indiana from Lafayette, Tennessee on April 16, 1865 regarding his supper, the death of President Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, the end of the U.S. Civil War, and family matters.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Cavalry Regiment, 7th (1863-1866).

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Lafayette (Tenn.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

Personal Name(s)

- Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875
- Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

Subject(s)

- Family
- Presidents--United States